

**LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

1. **Is there a maximum amount that can be requested per proposal? There is mention that \$20 million may be made available.**

The bidder is permitted to request any amount up to the \$20 million available. However, please refer to the Request for Proposal, Page 13, PART IV, INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS, and specifically, IV-I, BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS.

2. **On page 2 of the RFP in the section listing the preferences in awarding the grant(s), does the fourth bulleted item mean agencies serving multiple counties with population of at least 500,000 people or does it mean agencies that serve multiple counties or agencies that serve populations of at least 500,000 people? Please clarify.**

Please refer to the Request for Proposal, see Page 9, PART III WORK STATEMENT, II-A PURPOSE, which states the following:

“The purpose of this project is to provide financial assistance to low-income households in paying household energy bills. Low-Income Energy Assistance Grants will be available to public or nonprofit organizations who can provide assistance to multiple counties or populations of at least 500,000 people. Preference in awarding the grant(s) will be given to organizations with a proven record in distributing energy assistance to low-income residents, an existing administrative structure to handle additional distribution activities, and the ability to coordinate the provision of assistance with other service providers; however, applications from other public and non-profit organizations will be considered. Grants may be used to serve clients otherwise unable to obtain assistance through existing programs. The Grant(s) will extend from the date of issuance, anticipated to be December 2004, through September 2005.”